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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS

FROM:
Acting Chief, FBIS/Okinawa Bureau

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - March 1985

I. GENERAL

A letter prepared in late March and issued on 1 April to all FBIS Okinawa parents of school children appears to raise a serious threat to continued schooling in the DODDS (Department of Defense Dependents Schools) system starting in September 1985. The letter warns parents (FBIS now has 12 school-age children of U.S. staff and 20 of TCN parents) that their children are classified as "space available" students, to be admitted to DODDS schools only after the military schools reopen this fall and if they have space. FBIS Headquarters was requested to press DODDS in Washington to reclassify FBIS children as "space required" or ensure in some fashion that they will be enrolled.

The bureau's March publishable wordage total of 1,179,980 was the highest ever recorded since the present production report format was adapted. In addition, the file included over 450,000 nonpublishable words of logs, program summaries and coordination traffic. The death of Soviet leader Chernenko and related Moscow watch coverage as well as Beijing reaction, plus the opening of the PRC's third session of the sixth National People's Congress, helped push up wordage.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Okinawa joined four other bureaus in the television "cities" project on 23 March, recording prime nightly Tokyo NHK TV newscasts plus specials and dispatching to MOD under a newly arranged DHL courier service. Receipts for the first eight tapes recorded in March indicate the tapes usually are available to MOD within two days of broadcast, but three to four days over weekends. Only one special was taped thus far, an interview with Prime Minister

Nakasone on U.S.-Japan trade difficulties. The DHL service appears somewhat faster than had been expected from earlier queries about handling of Beijing or Moscow TV tapes.

STAT 2. Fast handling of PRC Premier Zhao Ziyang's remarks on Hong Kong in his government work report to the NPC session on 27 March drew comment from a "very pleased" BBC SWB editor [] that official consumers were grateful for the fast delivery. Cruising checks for a possible live satellite TV relay of the Beijing opening session proved negative.

STAT 3. Tagalog/Chinese monitor applicant [] advised the bureau from Manila 28 March that she had received her Japan work visa after support from USFJ liaison, and she now expects to arrive in Okinawa about 15 April. She will be trained initially on basics as a Chinese monitor. She was first interviewed and tested by Hong Kong Bureau, and also knows French.

STAT 4. Editorial TDY trainee [] completed her training program 2 April, departing that date; the next trainee, [] arrived later the same date to begin her 12-week training.

STAT 5. The Russian and Cruising units filed extensive reports in the 11-13 March period before and after the death of Soviet leader Chernenko and Gorbachev's succession, flashing the first official death announcement, but focusing on complementary TV/radio behavior reports and identification of leaders shown in funeral and lying-in-state ceremonies from Okinawa's extensive photo files and experience with previous leader deaths. Another set of Soviet leadership photo negatives was pouched to Analysis Group in March.

6. Competitive evaluation of Russian monitor candidates tested and interviewed in Australia in late January-early February resulted in letters offering jobs tentatively to the top two candidates, at a date to be determined, and holding letters to four other qualified candidates from the short list of ten. One of the ten had withdrawn on grounds of noncompetitive FBIS pay and benefits, and three others did not return application forms. Hong Kong Bureau tested a 25th, unqualified applicant on 13 March and forwarded results to Okinawa for evaluation.

B. Coverage

Extensive changes in Moscow broadcast beams for China and Asia, beyond the usual spring frequency changes, were noted at month-end and early April and will be reported after initial checks and comparisons are complete. It appears Moscow is extending the length of several broadcasts in Mandarin.

C. Cruising

STAT 1. Steady progress in computerizing bureau cruising records on the IBM PC Lotus program enabled the unit to send a complete Beijing international service time/frequency/language schedule update, using IBM files for the first time. The unit has completed inputting all international and press service schedules into the IBM PC files, and all unit personnel--locals as well as TDY trainee [] have been trained to use them.

2. ROSET cruising turned up Turkish satellite television for the first time at Okinawa, from a 60 East Intelsat pass-feed circuit transmitted from Ankara with TRT video and tests.

D. Lateral Services

1. A Tokyo Embassy political counselor's review of Okinawa's pouched sample of the Japan complete file concluded that present services were adequate. The review was arranged by former Bureau Chief [] on his home-bound TDY.

2. The possibility of expanded Okinawa videocassette services that could be pouched directly to the U.S. Army Technical Support Activity Pacific, a subunit of the 500th MI Group, Camp Zama, was explored during a 29 March bureau visit and briefing by officers concerned. A followup visit in late April will be requested after Zama consultations. A lognote reported details.

3. Bureau training assistance to the 3D Marine Division Interpreter/Translator Unit at Camp Hansen, in the form of outdated and discarded Chinese, Japanese, and Russian-language newspapers, was arranged in early March at the unit's request.

III. ADMINISTRATION/LOGISTICS

1. Vietnamese monitor [] learned by telegram from Saigon that his elderly father had died there on 13 March. The Orderly Departure Program case numbers for his mother and one son still remaining in Vietnam were passed to Chief, Bangkok Bureau, at his request to facilitate expedited departure of [] relatives.

2. The yen-dollar exchange rate, after reaching 263 yen to \$1 in March, the highest in recent memory and bureau records, fell against the dollar to 253 by the month-end.

3. Okinawa's TCN payrolling and time/attendance recordkeeping is now done completely on an IBM PC Lotus program developed by joint efforts of Administrative Officer [] Chinese monitor [] and Administrative Assistant []. The program, checked thoroughly against manual payrolling, provides complete earnings and leave statements to each employee as well as letters of deposit and instruction to the bureau's American Express bank for payroll handling. A copy has been forwarded to Headquarters for presentation at the bureau chiefs' session.

4. A tentative schedule and housing assignment program was developed by Logs Officer [] for the coming summer turnover and to accommodate one new TCN monitor and TDYers.

5. Bolo Point operations building beautification projects completed or under way in March include a new editorial desk, chairs, and furnishings with new carpet due shortly, and a Japanese-type garden being built by bureau MLC employees under the front-yard trees, safely away from any future ROSET equipment site.

IV. ENGINEERING

1. Detailed testing of two expensive Sony BVU-820 Secam videocassette recorders purchased at MOD request for LD and OW disclosed that the units are design-incompatible with present FBIS 2630 and 5630 U-matic VCRs because of an additional high chroma frequency imposed on the output. Inquiries at MOD request to learn if the equipment might be returned to the manufacturer have been negative so far.

2. The \$19,520 contract for replacing two Rhombic antennas this spring was let to the low bidder; a Kadena Air Base site for building the new Rhombic curtains was approved by base commander; work will begin about mid-April. The remaining poles were received by sea.

3. A bureau plan and cost estimates of \$24,000 to extend the operations building at the rear to provide essential space for an enlarged ROSET/cruising facility in one area were agreed to by C/E&P Staff, who is requesting contracting authority. Existing ROSET equipment was reconfigured in its racks to provide a more efficient working arrangement.

V. VISITORS

To the Bureau:

Mrs. Junko Angel, Prod Group/Japan Program political-economic officer, TDY 21-22 March while on private travel to Fukuoka, Japan.

Maj. Howard B. Lavy and MSgt. David E. Salazar of U.S. Army Technical Support Activity Pacific, from Camp Zama near Tokyo, along with Maj. Marvin Shideler, MSgt. Diuguid and Sgt. Kenneth Barnett of U.S. Army Field Station, Okinawa, 29 March for bureau briefing and to discuss a possible future videocassette lateral service.

W. Blaine, Administrative Officer at U.S. Consulate General, Naha, and Mr. Arakaki, his assistant, on 29 March for introduction and bureau tour.

From the Bureau:

STAT Regional Engineer [] and Bureau Engineer [] on 8 March to the 6990th ESG Electronic Combat Center to test videocassettes related to the BVU-820S.

STAT The Acting Bureau Chief [] attended the "50-40-25" major anniversary banquet of FBIS's nearest military neighbor on Okinawa, the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Hanza, on 30 March at the KOOM Club. "Parading the beef," "presenting the burgundy," and "charging the glasses" for numerous toasts in traditional Navy fashion highlighted the evening. The chief met the guest of honor and speaker, James J. Devine, new Chief of DOD Special Representative Japan, Camp Zama, since June 1984.

VI. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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STAT Logs Officer [] hosted a cookout retirement party for MLC maintenance worker [] on 15 March attended by nearly all Bolo Point and motor pool employees and several U.S. staff and spouses. Certificates

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were presented to [redacted] and both MLC crews for superior performance.
Okinawan dancing and music highlighted the evening.

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Acting Chief, Okinawa Bureau

Attachment:

Engineering Equipment

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ENGINEERING

EQUIPMENT RECEIVED:

TV/Monitor receiver, Toshiba model
159X4M, SN 99311191.

Amplifier, stereo power, Kenwood model
Basic M-2, SN 51K10348.

Cassette deck, stereo, Kenwood model
K777ORB, SN 42620124.

Speaker system, Akai model AE-53,
quantity 4.

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 1,179,980
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 452,630
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 3,546

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	19,930 min.	39,660 min.	175.02 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	450
Beijing International Service to North America in English	1,980
Beijing International Service to Australia and New Zealand English	290
Beijing International Service in Japanese	---
Beijing to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	1,060
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	190
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	5,700
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	8,030
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	24,630
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,460
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,990
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	8,540
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	4,730
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	6,760
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	5,480

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing XINHUA in English		449,500	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		170,230	
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			11,760
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			8,640
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			7,620
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			1,910
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			740
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			600
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Voice of the PLA to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Radio Spark to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Radio October Storm to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Contingent of Proletarian Fighters to China in Mandarin	---		
JAPAN			
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	6,750		
Tokyo TBS Television Service in Japanese	740		
Tokyo JPS in English		1,700	
Tokyo KYODO in English		140,720	
Tokyo JIJI in English		17,640	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			1,980
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,650
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			8,940
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			12,300
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			11,560

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,150
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			20,520
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,200
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			14,710
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			22,600
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			12,510
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			550
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			300
KOREA (NORTH) Pyongyang KCNA in English		---	
MONGOLIA Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		7,970	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		2,310	
TAIWAN Taipei International Service in English	1,720		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	3,190		
Taipei CNA in English		22,090	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			5,070
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			600
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			580
Taipei LIEN HO YUEH KAN in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	4,540		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	4,670		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	1,650		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	780		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	200		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	15,490		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	160		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	12,910		
Hanoi VNA in English		81,870	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		2,500	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		870	